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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5069
INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECT GARBLED PARAGRAPH 3.)

MONTREAL FOR ICAO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, ICAO, IN
SUBJECT: ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL ELECTION

REF: STATE 77805, NEW DELHI 4103, NEW DELHI 2803

1. IN ABSENCE FROM DELHI OF UN DIVISION DIRECTOR VERMA, EMBOFF
CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY SIKRI APRIL 2 TO PURSUE DISCUSSION
OF ICAO ELECTION.

2. SIKRI WAS, AS WE EXPECTED, NONCOMMITTAL ON GOI POSITION.
SHE NOTED THAT ELECTION SCENE WAS CONFUSED: "EVEN THE DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE CANDIDATE." SHE IMPLIED
THAT INDIAN VOTE WOULD NOT GO TO DILLON ON FIRST BALLOT,
COMMENTING THAT "GROUP FACTORS" WOULD PREVAIL IN THAT VOTE.
(ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE SAID ASIAN GROUP ON COUNCIL HAD NOT
CAUCUSED AS OF LATEST REPORT SHE HAD RECEIVED FROM MONTREAL.)
ON LATER BALLOTS, SIKRI ASSURED EMBOFF THAT US CANDIDACY
WOULD RECEIVE EVERY CONSIDERATION FROM GOI, TAKING "DEVELOPING
SITUATION" IN MONTREAL INTO ACCOUNT.

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3. COMMENT: SIKRI CAME CLOSE TO SAYING GOI WAS FAVORABLY
INCLINED TO US CANDIDATE, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY HOW
MUCH OF THIS WAS MERE POLITENESS. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR
HAS APPOINTMENT WITH N.P. JAIN, JOINT SECRETARY CURRENTLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR UN DIVISION, ON MORNING OF APRIL 5 AND WILL
TAKE OPPORTUNITY, ALTHOUGH LATE FOR FIRST TWO BALLOTS, TO
EMPHASIZE US INTEREST.
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